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Steve, I've got two things I'd like to submit to the DPC for consideration (or discussion):

1. I'd like to address whether we need a dedicated communication line between the City/Police/Fire and the two schools. I don't think we have one, and I'd like to make sure that there's a fail safe way for the Police to communicate with the Schools if there was an emergency, etc.
2. I'd like to look at emergency response for the schools. I think I mentioned before that the ICA conference I attended last February had a speaker who talked about how vulnerable schools were - and it scared the bejuzus out of me. I know the Chief said we've got response plans, but I'm interested more in a threat assessment analysis of for our Schools. God forbid anything ever happens like Columbine or VT, but I think we owe it to our residents to be prepared. I don't know how expensive this sort of thing is, but I'd like to at least put it on the table.
3. I'd like to make sure HB has a secure communication link to federal authorities (whomever the proper authorities might be.) I know we have a number of HAM operators in the City, but I think the City itself should have a satellite phone, or something similar to communicate with the outside world should some tragedy befall us. I can tell you from my military experience that the first thing to go down when bad stuff happens is the ability to communicate. I'd like to have the Commission look at this issue and make sure we have that covered.
4. Exercises. I am a firm believer in exercises where folks get to do hands-on things. Again, in the service we used to have elaborate exercises with "moulage" victims, etc. that really put you to your paces. As something to look at down the road, I think it might be good to have the Chiefs, MOMs, and CERT-trained folks involved in some kind of mock-up exercise on a Saturday morning in the City. I'm sure we can get volunteers to be victims, etc.

Could you let me know if we can get this stuff on the agenda for the DPC? Gracias. -Kit

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